

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

2:35 p.m.

Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chair, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

Members absent/excused: Representative Brandenburg.

An invocation was given by Chairman Cushingberry.

Representative Sak moved to excuse the absent Member. Without objection Representative Brandenburg was excused.

Representative McDowell moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, February 14, 2007. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

Representative Hammel moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, February 8, 2007. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

The following individuals testified before the committee in opposition to the previously proposed cuts to the Teen Parenting Program within the Department of Human Services contained in Executive Order 2007-1:

Richard Clay from Detroit, representing the Lula Belle Stewart Center
Casey Ketner from Harrison, a teen parent
Alan Brown from Kalamazoo, representing Family and Children Services
Carlos Freeman from Roseville, a teen parent
Anna Zoe Luther from Lansing, representing the Teen Parenting Program
Nancy Stroster from Oak Park, representing Lutheran Child and Family Services
Edith Seals from Pontiac, representing Lutheran Child and Family Services
Melina Patino from Waterford, representing Lutheran Child and Family Services
Chantel Estwick from Southfield, representing Lutheran Child and Family Services

Chairman Cushingberry announced that the following individuals had submitted written testimony to the committee on the benefits of the Teen Parenting Program:

Katie Whitten, Cassandra Litnianski, Hollie Bowen

D. Walker, representing the Teen Parent Coalition in Detroit, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the previously proposed cuts to the Teen Parenting Program within the Department of Human Services contained in Executive Order 2007-1 but did not wish to speak before the committee. Written testimony was submitted.

Chairman Cushingberry continued with the business of the committee by placing before the committee the Senate Fiscal Agency Memorandum dated January 25, 2007 and titled Potential Options to Balance the FY 2006-07 State Budget.

Representative Cheeks moved to refer the line items in Table 3 on page 3 of the memorandum to the corresponding subcommittees for review.

Questions and discussion on the motion followed.

Subsequent to the discussion the motion prevailed, a majority of the members voting in the affirmative.

Chairman Cushingberry proceeded to Chairman's remarks on the state budget.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Cushingberry adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:00 p.m.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair_____

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